

## STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL 28 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0028

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: November 8, 2006
TO: Board Members
FROM: Henry Jennings

SUBJECT: Update on Pesticide Drift Stakeholders Committee

Since the last Board meeting on October 13, 2006, the staff has received the following suggestions concerning the makeup of the Pesticide Drift Stakeholders Committee:

- David Bell, Executive Director of the Maine Blueberry Commission, emailed to suggest that Paul Sweetland of Coastal Blueberry Service should represent blueberry growers due to his practical experience managing small lots, using different application equipment, and dealing with numerous abutters.
- Travis Drake of Wyman's emailed to ask that he be considered for the stakeholders committee. Travis has twenty-seven years of experience with Wyman's, seventeen using fixed wing applicators and eight using helicopters.
- Tracey Gamache of the Narraguagus and Pleasant River Watershed Councils emailed to urge the Board to have representation from either Downeast watershed groups or the Atlantic Salmon Commission

As a result of these suggestions, all three were added to the table of potential participants in the stakeholders committee. On November 8, the staff met to review the table and developed a recommended list. We decided it would be better to expand the recommended committee size to fifteen to ensure that important interests are represented. The recommended list would include five members from each of the three previously identified groupings: 1) those impacted by drift, 2) governmental and, 3) pesticide users. The staff recommended members are listed below. Refer to the attached table for affiliations. Fifteen is already a very large committee, so if you decide to make revisions, we recommend you reduce the size of the committee.

| Those Affected by Drift | Governmental | Pesticide Users |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Peter Aldridge          | John Harker  | Mike Lavoie     |
| Mark Jacoby             | Norm Dube    | Andy Berry      |
| Jennifer Anderson       | Jim Dill     | Mike Dan        |
| Harris Parnell          | Dave Struble | Don Flannery    |
| Heather Spaulding or    | Leif Deyrup  | Paul Sweetland  |
| Russ Libby              |              |                 |